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In Reply Refer To:
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Dear [specific wild horse/equine rescue group]:

We urgently need your help in finding good homes for older wild horses. Since the enactment of Public Law 108-447 in December 2004, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) must sell wild horses that are 11 years and older. Although the BLM is managing the Wild Horse and Burro Program with a continued emphasis on adoption, we are making a concerted effort to work with our partners, organizations, and interested individuals who are willing and able to provide long-term care for the animals that must be sold.

We are asking all our equine friends to help us in fulfilling this mandate from Congress. Toward that end, we will deliver at least 20 horses to rescue organizations that will place these older horses with people who will provide good homes. If you are unable to accommodate 20 horses, we still need your help. Your organization is invited to come to any of our facilities and purchase as many horses as you can accommodate.

The Save the Mustangs Fund, created by Ford Motor Company in partnership with Take Pride in America and the BLM, is offering \$100 for each wild horse purchased by equine rescue groups. The purpose of the Fund is to support your efforts in placing these animals in good homes. To qualify, equine rescue groups must provide documentation that they are a 501(c)(3) organization. These funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis, as long as funding is available. If you are interested in this offer, please contact us at 1-800-710-7597 or at wildhorse@blm.gov.

Together we can preserve these living symbols of Western history and icons of the American spirit of freedom. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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